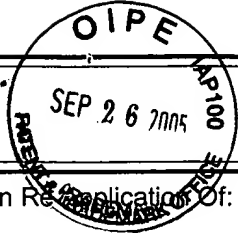
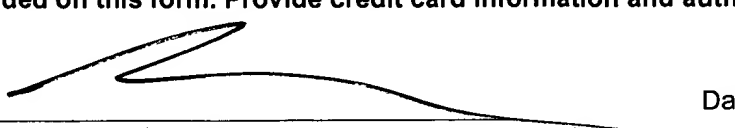



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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is:</p> <p><b>Response To Final Office Action (5 pgs.); return receipt postcard.</b></p> <p>in the above identified application.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. <b>02-1818</b> as described below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Charge the amount of _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"><div style="text-align: center;"> _____ Signature</div><div>Dated: September 21, 2005</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"><div><b>Robert M. Barrett</b> Reg. No. 30,142</div><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 300px;"><p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" [37 CFR 1.8(a)] on</p><p style="text-align: center;">09/21/05 (Date)</p><p style="text-align: center;"> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence <b>Heather Foster</b></p><p style="text-align: center;">Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</p></div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"><div>CC:</div><div>P16A/REV03</div></div>					



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